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TAGS: PFOR, CB, SW, VN, VS

SUBJECT: SWEDISH REPORT CONCERNING CAMBODIA ND

VIETNAM

REF: STOCKHOLM 1339

1. SWEDISH DCM JEAN-CHRISTOPHE OBERG TOLD DCM THAT HE  
WOULD DEPART FRANCE TO BECOME AMBASSADOR IN BANGKOK  
ABOUT APRIL 30. OBERG, WHO PREVIOUSLY SERVED IN HANOI,  
IS LOOKING FORWARD TO RETURNING TO SOUTHEAST ASIA. WE  
HAVE FOUND OBERG TO BE VERY HELPFUL IN GENERAL AND  
SURPRISINGLY OBJECTIVE IN HIS VIEWS ON ASIA. (DCM  
WILL BE WRITING AMBASSADOR WHITEHOUSE ABOUT HIM.)

2. OBERG SAID HE HAD READ REPORTS WRITTEN BY THE  
SWEDES WHO HAD GONE TO PHNOM PENH. IN SIEM REAP IENG  
SARY HAD TOLD THE SWEDES QUITE POINTEDLY THAT THEY  
WERE PURPOSELY "PLAYING DOWN" THE THAI ROLE IN THE  
"U.; . BOMBING". THE SWEDES CONCLUDED THAT THE CAM-  
BODIANS WISHED IN GENERAL TO HANDLE THE THAI VERY  
DELICATELY AS PART OF MAINTAINING A THAI OPTION TO  
IMPROVE THEIR BARGAINING POSITION WITH HANOI. AS FOR  
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THE BOMBING ITSELF, OBERG SAID THAT SWEDISH VISITORS

HAD CONCLUDED THAT THE DAMAGE COULD NOT DEFINITELY BE ESTABLISHED AS EITHER RECENT OR CAUSED BY AERIAL ATTACK. SWEDISH INTELLIGENCE EVALUATORS HAVE COME TO THE CONCLUSION THAT IT WAS NOT RECENT AND PROBABLY CAUSED BY INTERNAL CONFLICT.

3. OBERG SAID THAT A FEW WEEKS AGO HE HAD INVITED DRV VICE MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS NGUYEN CO THACH TO DINNER. OBERG TWITTED THACH ABOUT THE DRV HARD LINE CONCERNING THAILAND (TO WHICH HE NOTED HE WOULD SOON BE POSTED AS AMBASSADOR) AND ASKED WHY THE DRV SEEMED SO CRITICAL OF THE THAI/CAMBODIAN DIALOGUE. THACH IMMEDIATELY BRIDLED AND REPEATED HANOI'S STANDARD, HARSH LINE. OBERG CONCLUDED THAT THE DRV WAS QUITE CONCERNED ABOUT AND ANNOYED BY THE PROSPECTS OF THAI-CAMBODIAN RAPPROCHEMENT.

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